

Preliminary Amendment  
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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

**Page 4, first full paragraph:**

Each ingress router  $I_1$  of the second domain  $B$  uses the SLA information to compute the estimated volume of class-specific traffic between the ingress router  $I_1$  and all egress routers  $[E_2, E_3]E_1, E_2$  in the same domain, to create an  $N \times N$  matrix  $M$ , where  $N$  represents the number of edge routers in the domain. The  $(i,j)$ -th element of the traffic matrix for a given class represents the total bandwidth used by that given class from ingress router  $i$  to egress router  $j$ . For example, as illustrated in Figure 1, for the second domain  $B$ , element  $(1,1)$  of the matrix  $M$  equals  $\lambda_1$ , and element  $(1,2)$  of the matrix equals  $\lambda_2$ . Once constructed, the traffic matrices are used to compute the provisioning routes (e.g., paths), for each non-zero element of those matrices, and the computed paths are pinned down using multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) for Diffserv networks or multi-protocol lambda switching (MP $\lambda$ S) for optical networks.

**Page 6, after equation (4), please insert the following paragraph:**

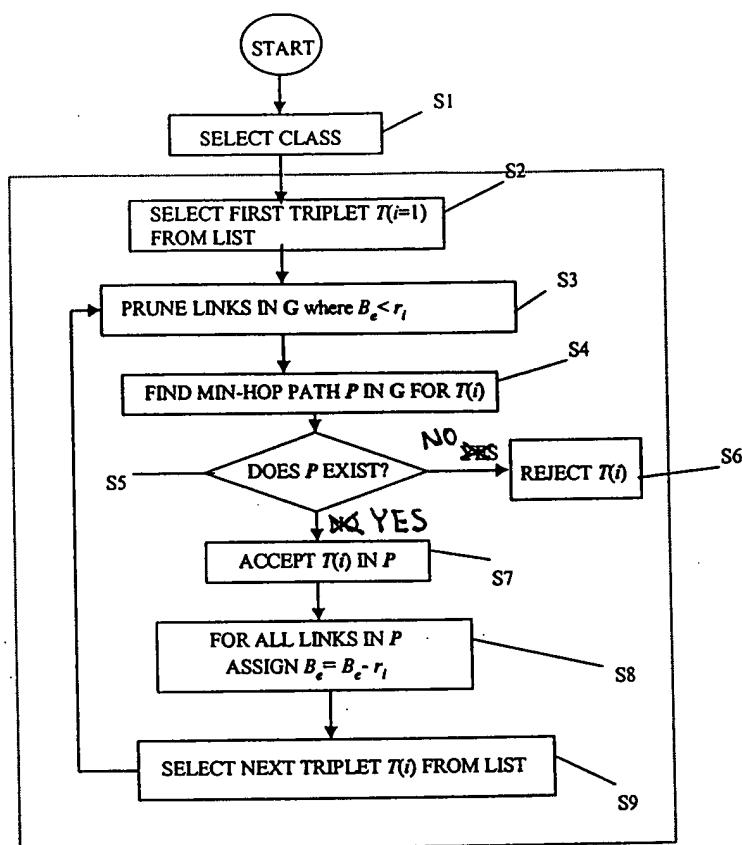
--V represents the total amount of bandwidth of accepted flows, and W represents the total amount of bandwidth of all flows.--

**Page 16, second full paragraph:**

Accordingly, in the next step S21,  $M$  is defined as the subset of those already accepted (i.e., during the previous  $i-1$  steps) quadruplets  $T(1), \dots, T(i-1)$  for which the following two

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conditions hold true. First, the bit  $[r_j]b_i$  of quadruplet is TRUE and the path SPA( $j$ ) thus can be altered. Second, all links  $e$  in  $Q$  belong to the path SPA( $j$ ):  $Q \subset \text{SPA}(j)$ . Therefore, if the bandwidth reservation for  $r_j$  of the quadruplet T( $j$ ) for its path SPA( $j$ ) is removed, the available bandwidth at each link  $e$  in  $Q$  increases by  $r_j$ . Since the  $i^{\text{th}}$  flow requires bandwidth reservation of  $r_i \leq r_j$ , this increase is sufficient for accommodating the  $i^{\text{th}}$  flow using its path SPI( $i$ ).



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Figure 2

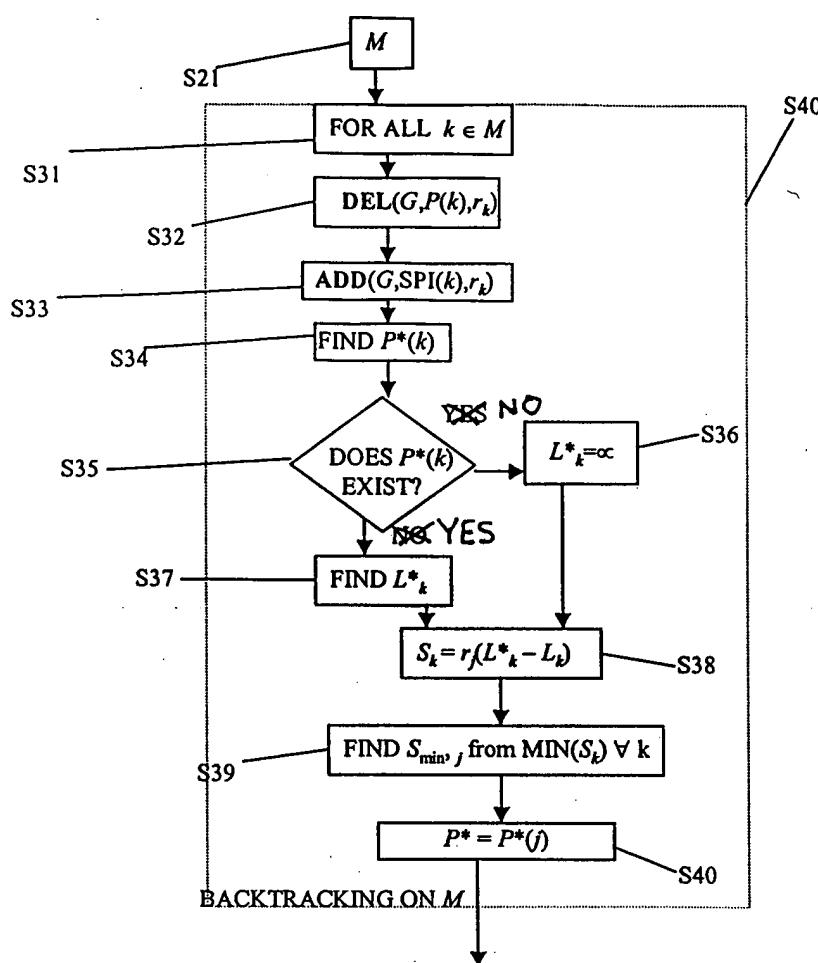


Figure 6